

TIED OLD MAN,  
ROBBED HIMWork of Two Men Yesterday  
at Claremont, N. H.

## THEY GOT ONLY 12 DOLLARS

Michael Eagan the Victim of Thugs Yesterday—He Finally Got Loose and Notified Neighbors, Who in Turn Told the Police.

Claremont, N. H., Oct. 26.—Two men entered the home of Michael Eagan yesterday, gagged and bound the old man, tied him to a stove, took his money from his pocket and ransacked the house.

Mr. Eagan, who is 79 years old, lives alone in what is known as the Mosquito district, just over the Newport line. Just before noon the men came to his house and one of them engaged him in conversation. While they were talking the other slipped behind him and grabbed him.

The men then gagged him and bound his legs and arms, afterwards tying him to a stove with a long strap used to haul the bucket up from the well.

With Mr. Eagan securely bound, the men leisurely went through his pockets, in which they found \$12, all the money he happened to have in the house, though he often has a much larger sum. They then went through the house in a further search for money, but found nothing.

After they left Mr. Eagan managed to wriggle himself loose and started for the nearest neighbor, two miles away. On the road he met Harvey Brooks of this town. Mr. Brooks notified the police, and they in turn notified the police of the surrounding towns.

Mr. Eagan says that his assailants were both tall men, 30 or 35 years old. One of them talked to him as smooth shaven, and had many gold fillings in his teeth.

## JEALOUS OF WIFE.

So He Shot Her and Then Himself at Portsmouth, Va.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 26.—Brooding over the alleged infidelity of his wife Daniel J. Hennessy, a seaman of the United States navy, shot her dead yesterday in Portsmouth. He then fired a bullet into his own brain. The pair had not lived together for some time.

Saturday night the woman was on the street with another man. Obtaining a pistol he went to the house where she had been stopping and shot her as she sat in a chair. Stepping back a few feet he fired a bullet into his own body.

Hennessy was about 24 years old and 1½ wife about 21. They had been married about a year.

Hennessy's home was in Troy, N. Y. He was a prize fighter of some note, before entering the navy and in the navy he was known as a first-class fighter. As a fighter he was known as "Kid" Hennessy.

Those who witnessed the shooting say that he also fired twice at his wife's sister as she entered from the kitchen, on hearing the first discharge of the revolver.

TO PROTEST U. S. MEN  
WHILE IN MANILA

Can't Have Shore Leave After Ten p. m. and Must Not Drink Water From The Native Wells.

Manila, Oct. 26.—The rule promulgated by Rear Admiral Barber today forbids sailors of the American fleet from shore leave after 10 p. m. and from drinking water in the native wells. The first squadron reaches here November 1 from Yokohama and the second squadron from Amoy November 8. Cholera is expected to be completely stamped out by that time, but no chances will be taken with the men.

## BROKE HIS OWN RECORD.

Frank Kramer Was Superior to All The Cyclists.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 26.—Frank J. Kramer, the champion bicycle rider, broke his own world's record for twenty-five miles under the American flag on the Valhalla track yesterday, riding the distance in 57:36 3-5. His previous record, made in 1901, was 57:52 4-5. Kramer rode against a field of strong, experienced long distance cyclists and was superior to them at every point. The announcement of the world's record figures was received with great enthusiasm.

## MISS STARK BURIED.

Funeral Services For Girl Be Held of Whose Death Two Are Held.

Nashua, N. H., Oct. 26.—The funeral of Miss Abbie E. Stark, for whose death Miss Inez Philbrick and Otis Smith are held second degree murder, took place at 2:30 yesterday afternoon at her home on Fletcher street, and was private. The Rev. Dr. Cyrus Richardson officiated. Burial was in Edgewood cemetery.

## ONE DIES, ONE IS INJURED.

Francis Gallagher and Ambrose Conney Knocked Off Freight Train.

Farmington, Me., Oct. 26.—While riding on top of a freight train on the New Haven road, Francis Gallagher, aged 17 years, and Ambrose Conney, aged 24 years, both of Worcester, were struck by an overhead bridge near here Sunday. Gallagher's skull was fractured and he died at the Woonsocket hospital. Conney escaped with a scalp wound.

ELKIN REPLIES TO  
HEARST'S INSINUATIONS

Never Received Directly or Indirectly From Archibold Any Money For Improper Purpose.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 26.—Justice John F. Elkin of the Pennsylvania supreme court, whose name was introduced by William R. Hearst in the alleged Standard Oil case, yesterday made a statement at a meeting in New York Saturday night, denied last night that he ever had received money for improper purposes from John D. Archibold or ever had attempted to influence legislation in behalf of the Standard Oil Co. Justice Elkin came here yesterday from his home in Indiana, Pa., to resume his work with the supreme court, which is in session here.

Justice Elkin said that since reading the correspondence he had not had an opportunity of going over his files and other data to determine whether the facts stated in the Archibold correspondence were correct or not.

"You may say what you please," he added, "that I never received from Mr. Archibold directly or indirectly, money for any improper purposes. Neither have I ever made any attempt to influence legislation in the interests of the Standard Oil company."

Former Gov. William A. Stone, whom Hearst charged with being influenced by Standard Oil officials on the appointment of judges, made this statement last night:

"Mr. Hearst seems to think that because a lawyer understands the oil and gas laws of Pennsylvania he is disqualified to be a judge. That rule would make only those eligible who did not understand laws relating to oil and gas and as every lawyer in Pennsylvania in practice does understand the laws relating to oil and gas Hearst's rule would compel us to go into some other state for judges."

"The drafts sent to Mr. Elkin if sent to him, were sent while he was either chairman of the state Republican committee or a member of the finance committee. It was not improper for him to receive contributions for campaign expenses."

"The judges of Pennsylvania have the confidence of the people. They have never been charged with partiality to the corporations, nor can they be so charged justly."

"I have no recollection of receiving the letters from Mr. Archibold. I did not appoint Judge Henderson. I did appoint Judge Morrison because of my knowledge of his ability and fitness for the bench."

## A FLAT DENIAL.

Two Judges Say They Hardly Know Mr. Archibold.

Philadelphia, Oct. 26.—Judges J. J. Henderson of Meadville, and T. A. Morrison of Smithport, of the superior court of Pennsylvania have denied any knowledge of the letters purporting to have been written by John D. Archibold, of the Standard Oil company, to Governor Stone, bearing upon their appointment, copies of which letters were read by William R. Hearst at New York on Saturday. Judge Henderson said:

"I never spoke to John D. Archibold in my life. I never had any business operations with him, and I know of no reason why he should request my appointment to the superior court bench. The first intimation I had of any such letter, as that read by Mr. Hearst was when I saw it in the newspaper. I did not know that Mr. Archibold had ever communicated with Governor Stone on the subject, nor do I know of any influence having been brought to bear upon Mr. Archibold to cause him to make the recommendation."

Judge Morrison said:

"I do not think I have seen Mr. Archibold or had any communication with him in forty years, and I did not know that he had written any such letter to Governor Stone. I knew him in the early days of the oil business in Crawford and Venango counties, but I do not know what influenced him to write such a letter as that read by Mr. Hearst."

## GOMPERS ISSUES

## A RED-HOT REPLY

Says That President Roosevelt is Guilty of Cheap Demagogism in His Letter to Senator Knox.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26.—Characterizing Roosevelt's recent letter to Senator Knox on the labor issues as "a distillation of abuse and misrepresentation, exhibition of potent rage and disappointment and awful descent from the dignity of the place of president of the United States," President Gompers today issued a five thousand word statement in reply. It will appear in the November number of the American Federationist and will be circulated in large quantities among working men during the closing days of the campaign.

Summing up, Gompers says "The fact of matter is that the president having made injunction Judge Taft a candidate of the Republican party for president and seeing that the 'labor vote' which has been so often controlled, diverted and perverted by politicians is now aroused and determined to deliver its own vote that the toilers will not be cajoled, deceived or browbeaten, has become desperate and angry and by the worst exhibition of demagogism has tried to instill into the employers and business men the fear that their property and business are in danger if a square deal, implied by equality before law and human freedom, is accorded workers with all other citizens."

## RESPECTFULLY REFERRED.

President Roosevelt Tells Gompers to Read Sept. McClure's.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26.—After reading Gompers' statement to the effect that Roosevelt caused a statement to be given out from the White House referring Gompers to an article on "Taft and Labor" in the September McClure's saying it was a most effective exposure of Gompers' position, Geo. W. Alger, its writer, is the author of a book "Moral Overstrain," from which Gompers quoted in his statement.

AFTER PAPERS  
IN KENT CASE

Before Bringing Prisoner Over the Line

## ON THE SERIOUS CHARGE

State's Attorney Lawrence Came Back to Vermont to Secure Extradition Papers from the Governor.

Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 26.—Elroy Kent the man who is charged with the murder of Della B. Congdon at East Wallingford, Vt., July 24, after his escape from the hospital of criminal insane in Waterbury, will probably be held here until extradition papers are arranged. Kent was seen by State Atty R. A. Lawrence of Rutland, Vt., and he said he was willing to return to Vermont without papers.

Owing to the seriousness of the offense with which he is charged, it has been thought wise to secure papers, and State Atty Lawrence departed yesterday afternoon for Rutland. Kent will be arraigned here on the charge of being a fugitive from justice. Patrolman John Hudson of the Pittsfield police force is eligible for \$50 reward offered by the authorities of the Waterbury asylum for the arrest of Kent.

## INTIMATES ALL SAFE.

About a Hundred Persons Driven Out By Nashua Fire.

Nashua, N. H., Oct. 26.—One of the most spectacular fires which has occurred in this city for some time broke out at 10:35 last evening in the tenement block on McLaren avenue owned by Mrs. Julia McLaren and Miss Julia E. McLaren of Elm street. McLaren avenue is a short, narrow thoroughfare extending from Lodge street to the Worcester railroad tracks and the building was the largest on the street. It was occupied by a large number of Greeks. The building was completely leveled and other houses in the neighborhood were endangered and in one or two cases on fire.

The blaze made a big glare in the misty rain, which had just commenced falling. It was some distance from the nearest fire station and the chemical first responded, but an alarm was soon sent in from box 32. The firemen worked rapidly but the flames spread quickly through the building, which is an old one of wooden construction.

Throng of people assembled, attracted by the bright light and the report that the Estabrook-Anderson shoe factory which is in line of the fire from down town, was in flames. The total loss is estimated at \$5,000. All the inmates, who were said to number about 100, are believed to have escaped, and no accidents were reported. The all-out was rung in in one hour.

TWO PRESIDENTIAL  
CANDIDATES IN N. E.

Taft at New Haven and Higen at His Home in Springfield and Later in Boston.

Boston, Oct. 26.—Both Taft and Higen are campaigning in New England today. The Republican candidate left New York at 10:30 this morning, accompanied by John Hays Hammond, president of the National League of Republican clubs, and Timothy Woodruff, New club, and Timothy Woodruff, New Haven early this afternoon. He returns to New York at 4:30.

Higen surprised his friends by returning unexpectedly last night to his home in West Springfield. The reception committee was unsuccessful. He left Springfield this morning for Boston, where he speaks at three rallies to-night, with Hearst and William N. Osgood and Robert J. McCarty, the party's candidates for governor and lieutenant governor of Massachusetts. Higen has been away since August 28, speaking in nearly every state. He will wind up his campaign in Springfield with Hearst the night before election.

BRYAN MISSED TRAIN  
IN NEW YORK TO-DAY

And He Had to Take Long Trolley Ride and Then an Automobile Tour to Reach Paterson, N. J.

New York, Oct. 26.—Bryan missed his railroad train this morning and was forced to take a long trolley ride through Jersey City and make a 13 mile automobile trip to keep his engagement at Paterson, N. J. His speech there was entirely on the labor question. He returned to New York immediately after he went to the Waldorf-Astoria where he addressed the Women's Democratic club making an appeal for purity in politics. This afternoon he went in an automobile tour through Westchester county, winding up the day with a big meeting in Manhattan tonight.

## GREAT LUMBER FIRE.

Over Two Million Feet at Bangor, Me., Destroyed.

Bangor, Me., Oct. 26.—More than 2,000,000 feet of prepared pine boards were destroyed by fire at the saw mill of Lowell and Engell today. The mill was saved by firemen. The loss is \$75,000.

GRANITE MANUFACTURER  
MAKES A COMPLAINT

John F. Cook Doesn't Want Enforcement of Rule Requiring That Each Piece of Shipment Be Marked.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Protest has been made to the interstate commerce commission by John F. Cook, a shipper of granite over the New Haven and Pennsylvania railroads against the enforcement of a rule recently promulgated by the official classification committee requiring railroads to place the consignee's name on every package delivered for transportation.

The rule previously in force was to designate packages by number, the name of the consignee being shown on the bill of lading. The complainant claims that by placing the name of the consignee on packages his competitors are enabled to learn the names of his customers to his own disadvantage.

This is the first complaint received by the commission against the particular rule.

## A WAR VETERAN DEAD.

Albert A. Morse Died at Home of His Son, D. J. Morse.

The death of Albert A. Morse occurred at 5:15 yesterday afternoon at the home of his son, D. J. Morse of Tremont street, with whom he has made his home for the past four years. The direct cause of death was heart failure, following a second paralytic stroke, which he suffered Friday afternoon.

Mr. Morse was 69 years old last Saturday and had been a farmer until four years ago, when he came to make his home with his son. He was born in Waterbury and lived there until 21 years ago, when he moved to Northfield, where he resided until coming to Barre. His wife died about 20 years ago and he is survived by two sons, Frank A. of Boston, and D. J. of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. W. O. Kellogg of South Royalton and Mrs. E. A. Chase of Northfield.

He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in the heavy artillery and was afterwards transferred to the 11th Vermont regiment, with which he completed his enlistment. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The funeral will be held at the house at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and the remains will be taken to Northfield for interment in the family lot there.

## DENOUNCED THE FAIRS.

Mr. Hyde Says There's Too Much of the "Something For Nothing" Business.

Brunswick, Me., Oct. 26.—A startling arraignment of the county fair and denunciation of various forms of gambling was made by President William DeWitt Hyde before the students of Bowdoin college in King chapel last night. Speaking upon the topic of "Something For Nothing," President Hyde opened by scolding the laws which allowed the organization of corporations, the only purpose of which, he claimed, was to allow wholesale stealing by thieves. President Hyde said among other things:

"The most prevalent vice of the American people is the desire to get something for nothing. This line has the disease as badly as Oklahoma or Nevada. This state receives thousands of dollars a year of revenue from all over the country for organizing corporations under laws that were drafted in the interest of thieves to make wholesale stealing easy."

## BOYS KILLED WILD CAT.

Two Woodford Lads Did It With Clubs.

Bennington, Oct. 26.—Herman and Guy Parsons, two Woodford lads, aged 14 and 10 years, paid a visit to their traps on Glastenbury brook last week. They obeyed Governor Brooks' proclamation and left their guns at home but they found a big bob cat. The trap was not strong enough to hold the animal and the boys approached it pulled its foot out of the steel jaws and showed fight. The cat made directly for the young trappers who accepted battle and killed the animal with their clubs. In the evening they drove down the mountain to this village with their prize and had their picture taken with the cat. The animal, a fine specimen, weighed 24 pounds.

Hearts failure in the woods. Boston Man Out Hunting Partridges Found Dead.

Portsmouth, N. H., Oct. 26.—Nathaniel L. Frothingham of Boston, who has been passing the summer at Rye beach, late Saturday afternoon took his boat and rowed across a creek to a clump of woods to hunt partridges, intending to return early in the evening. On his failure to return, a searching party was organized and he was found in the woods about 11:30 o'clock. His dog was guarding his body. A partridge and his gun lay by his side, both barrels of the latter having been discharged.

Medical Referee A. J. Lance of this city was called and he pronounced death due to heart failure. Mr. Frothingham was 52 years old and leaves an invalid wife.

## JORDAN WAS SEEN.

He Left Vermont "Under a Cloud" a Year Ago.

St. Albans, Oct. 26.—Under orders of the bankruptcy court, the household furnishings and school equipment of Jordan Hall of unpleasant memory will be sold at auction tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Jordan who left town under a cloud about a year ago and who has since been in South America, was seen last week in Ottawa, by a St. Albans man. Jordan at first denied his identity, but later admitted it. He looked seedy and hardup.

IMPORTANT  
BILL PUT IN

To Let People Elect License Commissioners

## INTRODUCED BY TILDEN

The Fourth Week of the Legislature Opened This Afternoon With a Big Rush of Bills.

State House, Oct. 26.

The fourth week of the legislature of 1908 opened this afternoon, and if the straws point correctly it will be a busy week. With "ladies week" with all its social distractions out of the way, there will be a chance for the members to devote themselves assiduously to the work at hand, and inasmuch as the time limit for the introduction of bills, except by unanimous consent, comes a week from tomorrow, a large mass of proposed legislation is expected as a part of the week's business.

Next week Tuesday is election day, and an effort will be made, through joint resolution, to provide arrangements so that the legislators can vote for presidential electors without going home. This same scheme was tried out four years ago. It is hoped by the presiding officers to keep a quorum in both branches. It is borne in mind that there remain but four weeks to the customary time for adjournment finally. Thus far only six measures have been disposed of, so that it can be seen that there is much ahead.

One of the measures introduced this afternoon was by Tilden of Barre City to amend the liquor law, providing for the election of license commissioners by towns and cities instead of their being appointed by the assistant judges. Another important measure is by Williams of Newport to establish district courts in every county of the state, they to be the court of final appeal in civil cases where the amount in dispute does not exceed \$500.

The new bills introduced in the House this afternoon were as follows:

H. 109, by Mr. Kendall of West Windsor, to amend section 4005 P. S. relating to the expenditure of state highway money. Provides that such money may be expended in maintaining permanent highways already built.

H. 110, by Mr. Williams of Newport, relating to the appointment of guardians for non-resident minors. Such guardian may be appointed on application of a minor who owns real estate.

H. 111, by Mr. Locklin of Richmond, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts. In case of error made by commissioners in their final report, probate judges may order such report to be re-committed.

H. 112, by Mr. Sherwin of Hyde Park, fixing the measure of loss of policies of fire insurance. In case of total loss by fire policies must be paid in full unless fraudulent over insurance can be proved.

H. 113, by Mr. McClintock of Norton, providing for the construction of a highway from Norton to Brunswick. Appropriates \$2,500 for this purpose.

H. 114, by Mr. Boutwell of Stockbridge, to amend section 822 P. S., relating to taxation of collateral inheritance. Exempts a brother or sister who inherits not more than \$1,000.

H. 115, by Mr. Tilden of Barre City, to amend sections 5109, 5110 and 5111 P. S., relating to traffic in intoxicating liquor. Provides for election of license commissioners by towns and cities instead of being appointed by assistant judges.

H. 116, by Mr. Davis of Springfield, relating to flogging. Amends general law in regard to flogging so as to avoid constitutional objections.

H. 117, by Mr. Ripley of Poultney, to establish a state board of examiners of embalmers and undertakers. Such examiners to receive \$4 per day with actual expenses.

H. 118, by Mr. Williams of Newport to establish district court. Provides for the establishment of such courts in each county of the state, they to have final jurisdiction in civil cases where amount in dispute does not exceed \$500; appeals to be made direct to supreme court; salary of judges of said courts to be fixed by committee.

H. 120, by Mr. Williams of Newport, providing for voting for presidential electors at room 12, State House, next Tuesday, for members of the legislature, state officials, State House attendants, etc.

H. 121, by Mr. Howard of Shoreham, a minor incorporation bill.

An Important Public Meeting.

The public meeting to be held in Representatives' hall, Thursday evening, in the interests of forestry in Vermont will be addressed by the Hon. James S. Whipple, forest commissioner of New York, Prof. J. W. Towner of New Haven, Ct., and others. The annual meeting of the State Forestry association will be held that day. The legislative committee appointed by the governor last summer, consisting of Prof. L. R. Jones of Burlington, J. A. DeBoer of Montpelier, A. M. Fletcher of Cavendish, C. C. Fitts of Bradford and Ernest Hitchcock of Pittsford, are especially interested in this meeting. This committee has already introduced a bill establishing a forestry commission. It carries an annual appropriation of \$10,000 and contemplates acquiring by the state, from time to time, of waste lands that are to be developed by the state forester if such an official is created.

The new Legislative Directory for the 1908 session was distributed about the State House to-day, it being presented within the period set for its appearance.

The Hon. Mason S. Stone of Montpelier, state superintendent of education, was one of the speakers at Thursday's session of the Lake Mohonk, N. Y., conference, the general subject of discussion being "The Philippines."

## A LARGE CHURCH SERVICE

To Listen to Sermon by Dr. Thayer on Coming Revival.

The Congregational church was filled last evening when union services which included the Congregational, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches were held. Dr. E. O. Thayer, pastor of the Methodist church, was the speaker, and his address was amicitive to preparations for the evangelistic campaign which the churches will begin next week.

The speaker said, "This will not be a revival in the sense of the word, but it will be in another. Because there have been so many fake revivals conducted by cheap men, it does not follow that all are so. There have been revivals of all kinds at all times, not only as applied to religion but as applied to art, literature and other things. Human nature cannot keep in one course and therefore stagnation comes in."

"All history has recorded the rise and fall of the tide of revivals and each time the standard has been maintained a little higher and the world is growing better all the time. We need a revival in Barre, both the people and the churches. The churches need a revival, as they do not reach the people, the majority of whom do not go inside of a church. I hope that this revival will be permanent and that its results will live. We must begin it right and 'forward' must be the watchword of the churches. The revivals in Vermont are but a part of the revivals that are being carried on throughout the world."

"I think that the Russian-Japanese war was a part of God's plan for opening up Russia for the influence of the Christian religion. God had a hand in the purchase of the Philippines and when the young Turks took control in their country it was only a part of the great plan of God. God is always ready and it is only necessary for us to bring ourselves into contact with Him. God furnishes the gospel, the Holy Spirit and the throne of grace. Our part is to pray to bring ourselves into harmony with God."

Not an Egg Broken in This Collision.

Earl W. Hodgdon, Driver for One of F. D. Ladd Company's Teams Lucky to Escape from Injury.

One of F. D. Ladd & company's delivery teams driven by Earl W. Hodgdon was run into by the Central Vermont shifting engine while crossing the tracks by the freight depot at 11:15 o'clock this morning and the driver was very fortunate in escaping being run over by the engine. Hodgdon had stopped his team and waited while the passenger train pulled by, and he then started to cross the tracks, not noticing the shifting engine coming towards him on the next track. Before he could get out of the way the engine struck his wagon amidships and pushed it several feet down the track, crushing both rear wheels and breaking the shafts. Hodgdon was thrown from the seat and luckily landed clear of the tracks. The horse broke away from the wagon and ran out onto Main street, where it was caught. The wagon was loaded with beef and two cases of eggs. The beef was strewn around on the ground, but, strange to say, the eggs were not at all damaged.

McNEIL—RICHARDSON.

Marriage of Popular Barre Young People Last Evening.

Miss Allie F. Richardson and Arthur McNeil were united in marriage at 8:30 o'clock last evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Richardson, 27 Camp street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. A. Poole in the presence of the immediate families of the couple. The double ring service was used and Miss Madeline Edwards, a niece of the bride, acted as ring bearer. The couple were unattended.

Following the ceremony refreshments were served and the happy couple then left for Montpelier, where they took the midnight train for Boston. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil are well known young people and have a wide circle of friends in this city who wish them happiness. The bride is a Spaulding high school graduate and is an efficient stenographer in the office of the Consolidated Quarry company, and the groom is a popular salesman in the Daylight store. On their return from their wedding trip they will reside for the present at the bride's home. No cards were sent.

DOG FINDS SKELETON.

May Be Remains of Wiggins, Missing for Years.

Exeter, N. H., Oct. 26.—Albert McBurnie of Newfields, whose shepherd dog brought home a human skull last Wednesday, found the skeleton to which the skull belongs yesterday morning. He was traversing a wood road, about half a mile from his home, when the behavior of his dog compelled his attention, and he soon discovered the skeleton lying in low, marshy ground, about 100 yards from the wood road.

It lay in thick grass, that all around being closely cropped, showing that the cattle had shunned that spot in their grazing. The shepherd woodchoppers had worked within 50 feet of it.

The skeleton was complete save the skull and is that of a tall man. The thigh bone is 18 inches in length and the shin bone 14 inches. The skull brought home by the dog is 22 inches in circumference and the forehead about the average height. The lower jawbone, containing two teeth, was found with the skeleton.

LOOKS LIKE RAIN.

Lowering Skies To-day Portend a Breaking of Drouth.

The lowering skies to-day indicated that this season would also be accompanied with a breaking of the drouth together with other favored sections, and indeed there was a slight drizzle of rain early this afternoon. Southern New England got a little water last night. Reports from Pennsylvania state that the forest fires that have been menacing there for some time were nearly extinguished by a rainfall yesterday.

TO-NIGHT IN BARRE.

"The Chief," Barre opera house. The Thiel picture show, A. Tomasi block.

The Theatrum, 49 Main street. Massucco's theatre, Scampini block.

HIS BODY LAY  
BY C. V. TRACK

Richard Fountain Killed in Montpelier

## HEAD NEARLY SEVERED.

The Theory of Foul Play Was Held at First, But Authorities Now Think He Was Struck While Trying to Board Train.

With the head nearly severed from the body, the remains of Richard Fountain of 55 Barre street, Montpelier, were found on the Central Vermont railroad tracks near the Sabin crossing in that city this morning. The body was lying about one hundred yards from the granite plant of D. K. Lillie and others in that vicinity. Thus far no one has been found who can account for the man's death. The theory that the man had met with foul play was at first held, and then the authorities expressed the belief that Fountain had been killed while trying hard to board a freight train on the Barre branch. In addition, there is the possibility that the man committed suicide.

The ghastly discovery was made at 5:30 o'clock by Edward Harris, who was starting out at that time with a load of milk from the Sabin farm. He notified Mayor Dawley and then Health Officer Dr. Lindsey was called into the case. The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of H. J. Volholm to await burial.

The reason for the belief by the authorities that the man met death by being struck by a locomotive was because cinders and dirt were ground into the face and a quantity of blood was sprinkled over the rails and ties thereabouts, both inside and outside the track. The face was fearfully mangled, especially the left side, and the head remained joined to the body only by a few shreds of flesh. The left collar-bone was broken and the left shoulder was bruised, indicating that he was struck on that side and knocked under the wheel, with his head probably hanging over the iron.

When the foul play theory was given up, it was thought that Fountain had perhaps tried to board the 3:30 passenger train to this city and that he had been knocked down by it. E. J. Wheeler of that train says that he did not see anybody besides the track. One of two freight trains also passed over the track last night.

The victim was 45 years of age and resided at the corner of Barre and Putnam streets, the place of his death being only a few hundred yards from his home. He leaves a wife and three children; also two brothers, Charles and Peter Fountain, who reside in Montpelier. By occupation Fountain was a lumberer in the granite sheds and had recently been employed at Bonazzi's plant, near where he was killed.

CLUNG TO THE AUTO.

And Thus Will P. Durkee Avoided Being Run Down.

Will P. Durkee of South Main street had a narrow escape from being run over by A. D. Morse's automobile late Saturday afternoon. Durkee was walking across the crossing opposite the Universalist church when the auto driven by Mr. Morse came up Main street and suddenly turned to go up Church street. The auto was not going fast, but Durkee did not see it in time to get out of the way, and the front of the machine struck him.

He fortunately managed to catch hold of one of the lamps and held himself from going under the machine. It was carried about the length of the machine before Mr. Morse could bring it to a stop. That the auto was going slowly was the only thing that saved him from being knocked down and run over. The auto, in being stopped so suddenly, was put out of adjustment, and had to be worked over for over half an hour before it would start again.

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

H. A. Phelps Buys Farm and Gives Home in Part Payment.

A real estate and personal property deal involving \$11,000 was consummated Saturday in the D. A. Perry Real Estate office when the Alvin Gate farm, tools and stock, including 40 cows, was sold to H. A. Phelps of this city for \$7,000. This farm is located in East Montpelier, on the river road between that village and Plainfield. It consists of 230 acres and is considered one of the best farms in the town. The owner was C. J. Gidney, who takes in part payment for the farm a four-tenement house valued at \$4,000, owned by Mr. Phelps on Perry street, this city. Mr. Phelps is undecided what disposition he will make of the farm.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

J. Berton Pike of Marshfield was a visitor in the city to-day.

More new Harry Lauder records now on sale at Tony's Giannino's Vermont Fruit Store.

Arthur Belden returned to his home in Franklin, N. H., to-day after a two week's visit with relatives in the city.